(d) if not, whether Government will consider bringing such a legislation to control price?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Various high level Committees such as Cabinet Committee on Prices, Special Action Committee of Secretaries on Monitoring of Prices and Inter-Ministerial Coordination Committee for Monitoring and forecasting of supplies, availability and prices of essential commodities, meet at regular intervals for monitoring the prices and take appropriate action from time to time. The Ministry of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution is also monitoring the prices of 12 essential commodities viz. rice, wheat, gram, tur, sugar, potatoes, onions, tea, vanaspati, groundnut oil, mustard oil and salt on daily/weekly basis.

(c) and (d) The prices of all commodities including those of consumer items are determined by the forces of demand and supply in the open market. However, Government monitors the availability and prices of essential commodities on a regular basis. Necessary actions are taken to supplement the supplies of goods through imports in order to control their prices. Sales of essential commodities are arranged through Cooperative Stores at reasonable prices. The Government is already armed with the provisions of Essential Commodities Act and the Prevention of Black Marketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act for taking actions against hoarders, blackmarketeers and traders indulging in unfair trade practices. These Acts are being implemented by State Government/Union Territory Administrations. There is no proposal to bring any new legislation for controlling the prices.

**Identification of blocks covered under RPDS in Madhya Pradesh**

5807. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the blocks in the State of Madhya Pradesh which are to be covered under Revamped Public Distribution System under the Central Plan 1995-96; and

(b) if so, the district-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) and (b) At present 223 blocks are covered under Revamped Public Distribution System (RPDS) in Madhya Pradesh. Inclusion of additional blocks under RPDS is not done on annual basis. However, under a proposal to extend RPDS to blocks recently covered under Employment Assurance Scheme, the list of blocks identified in Madhya Pradesh is given in the enclosed statement.

**Statement**

(a) New DPAP blocks included under employment assurance scheme

State : Madhya Pradesh

| District | Blocks |
|---|---|
| 1. East Nimar | 1. Khandwa |
| | 2. Chengamakhaj |
| | 3. Pagana |
| | 4. Harsud |
| 2. Bhind | 5. Roun |
| 3. Shivpuri | 6. Pohari |
| | 7. Kolaras |
| | 8. Baderwas |
| 4. Shajapur | 9. Shahjapur |
| | 10. Bado |
| 5. Dewas | 11. Tonkkhurd |

| District | Blocks |
|---|---|
| 6. Buna | 12. Guna |
| | 13. Ashoknagar |
| | 14. Aron |
| | 15. Isagarh |
| | 16. Nugawari |
| | 17. Chachora |
| 7. Rajgarh | 18. Rajgarh |
| 8. Panna | 19. Shahnagar |
| | 20. Gunur |
| | 21. Ghabai |
| 9. Raisen | 22. Gairatganj |
| | 23. Begumganj |
| | 24. Udaipura |
| 10. Chhindwara | 25. Junnardev |
| 11. Damoh | 26. Damoh |
| | 27. Hata |
| | 28. Patera |
| 12. Durg | 29. Nawagarh |
| 13. Rajnandgaon | 30. Bodla |
| | 31. S. Lohara |
| 14. Bilaspur | 32. Jaijaipur |
| 15. Rewa | 33. Raipur |
| | 34. Gangao |
| | 35. Naigarhi |
| | 36. Mauganj |

(b) MADA Blocks included under E.A.S.

State : Madhya Pradesh

| Districts | Blocks |
|---|---|
| 1. East Nimar | 1. Punasa |
| 2. Shivpuri | 2. Shivpuri |
| 3. Guna | 3. Bamhori |
| 4. Raisen | 4. Silwani |
| | 5. Obedullaganj |
| 5. Damoh | 6. Jabera |
| | 7. Tendukheda |
| 6. Jabalpur | 8. Barori Band |
| | 9. Majhauli |
| | 10. Vijay Raghavgarh |
| | 11. Bargi |
| | 12. Shahpur |
| 7. Seoni | 13. Seoni |
| | 14. Barghat |
| | 15. Keolari |

| Districts | Blocks |
|---|---|
| 8. Bilaspur | 16. Shakti |
| 9. Rewa | 17. Hanumana |
| 10. Satna | 18. Majhgawan |
| | 19. Uchhera |
| | 20. Maihar |
| | 21. Ramnagar |
| 11. Sehore | 22. Icchawar |
| | 23. Nasrullaganj |
| | 24. Budni |
| 12. Raipur | 25. Mahasamund |
| | 26. Bagbahara |
| | 27. Pithora |
| | 28. Saraipali |
| | 29. Basna |
| | 30. Kasdol |
| 13. Raigarh | 31. Sarangarh |
| | 32. Sariyalendra |
| | 33. Raigarh |
| 14. Narsimhapur | 34. Narsimhapur |
| | 35. Gotegaon |
| 15. Indore | 36. Mhow |
| 16. Dhar | 37. Badnawar |
| 17. Sagar | 38. Devri |
| | 39. Kesli |

**Stock of imported palmolein oil**

5808. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total stock of imported palmolein oil at the Central Pool at present;

(b) whether imported stock of palmolein oil is lying with the Central Pool or with the State Trading Corporation (STC);

(c) whether the State Government are not willing to lift the palmolein stock; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) This cannot be disclosed in the public interest.

(b) The imported edible oil is available